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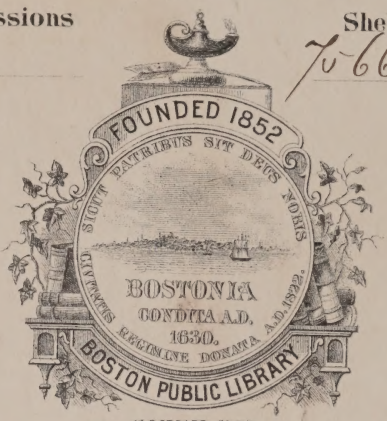

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Trustees' Report.

Boston, Aug. 11, 1892.

To the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.:—

Brethren: The Trustees of the "Home" submit for your consideration at this time a report of the condition of affairs connected with the work entrusted to them, and, as the interest manifested in the enterprise has increased and grown as the work progressed, we feel it will be for the good of all concerned to have a full and complete account given in one report, thus putting on record the rise and progress of this noble work in such a connected form that it can be understood by all who are interested or may wish to learn its history.

It is now five years since a committee of this Grand Lodge reported in favor of establishing an Odd Fellows' Home in this jurisdiction, submitting a plan for procuring funds for that purpose, as well as for the management of the work as it progressed.

Since that time reports have been made at each session of this body, giving an account of the amount collected and other matters of interest.

These things are all fresh in your minds to-day, but in a few brief years will vanish and be gone, and others may wish to learn them. If, therefore, our report shall be somewhat longer than usual, our excuse, if any shall be required, will be found in the fact that we have completed the first chapter of our history and are rendering you an account of our work.

It is a pleasing as well as profitable thought that contemplates the establishment of our Home in this State. When we consider that its location was determined by the generosity of a kind-hearted gentleman, who saw some good in our fraternity, we shall never forget his kindness in donating $11,000 worth of land, upon which to build our Home or the deed conveying the same in which he made the condition that we should erect a building worth not less than $25,000 within three years from date of the same. The name of Thomas H. Dodge will long be remembered for this noble benefaction, and it is a singular fact that in this kind of work we have been generously aided by several contributions from others not members of our Order. One of this character has recently come to light in the State of Kansas, where a man who never belonged to our Fraternity has given a farm of 3,100 acres with numerous buildings upon it, a house of sixty rooms, six hundred head of cattle and $125,000 in cash to establish an orphans' home in that State.

This is certainly a noble, generous deed, and we sincerely hope others may be induced to contribute some of their means for this kind of work, even though it shall be small. It was the widow's mite that was declared to be the greatest contribution given. Let no one be deterred from offering something however small.

The donations thus far reported in aid of the Home, both paid and unpaid, aggregate $76,230.18, including land donated, but *exclusive* of

known bequests not yet received or officially announced, as also of choice and beautiful gifts without statement of monetary value, the latter generously contributed for exterior and interior adornment and use. Receipts from other donations to date have been $59,120.19: $55,570.19 for general account, $3,050.00 for the furnishing of rooms, and $500 for the library; while the payments therefrom have amounted to $51,529.81, of which $48,946.67 was on building account, including cost of grading land and other contingent expenses. With this favorable exhibit, the Trustees have the pleasure of announcing the completion of the Home and its outfit without a dollar of indebtedness unprovided for, the remaining resources being amply sufficient for any further expenditure necessary in that connection. Among the generous contributors in aid of this noble and humane ministry are 161 Lodges, 9 Encampments, 2 Grand Cantons; and of the Daughters of Rebekah, 32 Lodges and 8 sewing-circles, besides a large number of individuals, including some who are not members of our Order, whose names and donations have been reported so far as furnished.

The Trustees have secured the services of Bro. Frank E. Collins of Centennial Lodge of West Boylston as Superintendent and his wife as Matron of the Home.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge a vote was passed authorizing the Trustees to purchase additional land if it could be done for a reasonable price, and paid for from "Home Funds."

The Trustees purchased the land referred to of Thos. H. Dodge, about five and one-half acres, for $10,500 — paying $5,000 cash; the balance on time, making sixteen and one half acres owned by the Home.

Mr. Dodge donated ten thousand feet of additional land to be called Rebekah's Garden. He also furnishes it with many choice plants and has given $500 for the library.

In this connection, we desire to call the attention of our friends to the wants of the library. We want books; we have several donations already made, — one by Bro. Hills, of Palmer, of value, — and we invite others to donate us some good and useful books. A single volume from those who can easily spare them will soon give us an ample supply.

The grounds around the building have been worked over and graded up, and a new roadway made up to the front door. The street in front of the building has been graded some, although not completed, a railroad track has been laid on the street passing in front of the Home, and it is reported cars will be running from Union Depot very soon past the Home. We have made an agreement with the city of Worcester to supply water from high service pipes; this will furnish additional protection against fire. We have cause to be thankful that such abundant success has attended our labors thus far, and when all the money pledged has been paid in, the Home will be free of debt and the Order will have a place in which its members may dwell in comfort and contentment.

It will be remembered that at the February session the Trustees were authorized to apply to the General Court of this State for an act of the Legislature exempting the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts from taxation.

We are happy to report that the bill was passed and reads as follows : —

[CHAPTER 203.]

AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM TAXATION CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The real estate of the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts, situated in the city of Worcester, and the personal property belonging to said Home or held by the trustees thereof for the purpose of said Home, to the amount provided in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statues, shall be exempt from taxation so long as said real and personal property shall be used for the purpose of said Home, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[*Approved April* 22, 1892.

The Trustees have prepared some rules for admission to the Home together with a plan for raising money for the support of the same. These rules have been submitted to the Board of Grand Officers and approved by them, and will be found in this report. We recommend that they be adopted.

RULES OF ADMISSION AND MEANS OF SUPPORT FOR THE SAME.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts I. O. O. F. having authorized the establishment of a Home in this State, wherein aged members, their wives, widows and orphan children shall find a place to reside, and be made comfortable, and a Board of Trustees duly empowered by this grand body have completed a suitable building in Worcester for this purpose, it becomes necessary to make some proper rules or terms of admission to the same, and provide means for its support. This is, however, no easy task, as it is a new project, starting out without funds or experience upon which to base an estimate of the amount required to pay the expenses for the support of the same.

We are therefore compelled to make our recommendations on the best information we can derive from similar institutions in other States, and let the Grand Lodge decide the matter as it deems best. Our only purpose and object from the beginning in this work has been to have the terms of admission as liberal as possible, even without any cost to the applicant, if it can be done, and the burden of supporting the Home so light and trifling a sum to each brother in the State, that all would cheerfully contribute their mite for this desirable and commendable object, and thus provide for members entitled to our aid and sympathy in this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.

To become an inmate of the Massachusetts Odd Fellows' Home:—

It shall be necessary for the applicant to have been a member in good standing in his Lodge or Encampment of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts at least five consecutive years next preceding his application, and who has not been suspended during that time; he must be

fifty-five years of age or over, of good moral character, and unable to support himself by reason of age or indigence, and have no disease or injury which would prevent him from attending to his own personal wants.

He shall bring a recommendation and certificate under seal of his Lodge or Encampment, giving his name and age, and such other facts as are deemed necessary by the Trustees, signed by the N. G. or C. P. of the same.

This application shall be referred to a committee of three of the Trustees, who shall examine the applicant, investigate his case, and report upon the same at a regular meeting of the board, whereupon a vote shall be taken, and if a majority of the votes are in favor of admitting the person, he may become a member of the Home.

The same conditions, so far as they are necessary, apply to the admittance of a brother's wife, excepting her age which is not required.

But it is to be distinctly understood, that the following conditions form a part of this agreement.

Every person possessed of real or personal property before being admitted to the Home shall convey to said Home all of said property which shall become the absolute property of the Home.

Any person admitted to the Home who shall thereafter become possessed of real or personal property shall forfeit his right to the privileges and benefits of said Home, unless he shall within such time as may be prescribed by said Trustees convey and transfer to said Home, absolutely, all such real and personal property or such portion thereof as said Trustees may determine.

No person shall be allowed to leave the Home over night without the consent of the superintendent in writing; and any inmate of the Home leaving the same for more than seven days, without the consent of the superintendent in writing, shall be considered as having permanently left the Home, and shall not again be admitted except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

There shall be no charge for admittance to the Home except as hereinafter stated.

Article II.

No member of a Lodge or Encampment in this State shall be admitted to the Home unless said Lodge or Encampment shall have contributed toward the building, or support of the same, a sum of not less than one hundred dollars one year or more previous to the applications being made.

But this article shall not prevent any brother belonging to a Lodge or Encampment in this State, or a widow or orphan from becoming a member of the Home, if otherwise qualified, provided he or she shall pay such a sum as the Trustees may determine, and make his or her application in due form; but such a payment shall not convey any rights to a non-contributing Lodge or Encampment that the applicant may belong to.

Article III.

Any person who shall contribute the sum of twenty-five dollars to the Home, or shall donate the said amount within five consecutive years shall be enrolled on the books of the Home as an Honorary Contributor.

Any person, Lodge or Encampment or other society, contributing the sum of five thousand dollars or more, may, with the approval of the Trustees of the Home, name some member of the Order in good standing, who shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of the Home; said member shall, however, be subject to all the rules and regulations of the Home. Said donor may designate, subject to the approval of said Trustees, the name by which said fund shall be known, and said fund shall constitute a perpetual memorial of the gift.

Article IV.

Whenever a widow of a deceased Odd Fellow in good standing at the time of his death shall apply for admission to the Home, she shall bring from the Lodge of which her husband was a member at the time of his death, a certificate giving her full name, age, occupation and means of support with all necessary information, and if a member of a Rebekah Lodge, a certificate from that Lodge.

The application shall be referred to a committee of three Trustees who shall investigate and report upon the same; whereupon a vote shall be had, and if a majority be in her favor, she shall be admitted free of cost. But the same rule shall apply in her case as in all cases where money is received by legacy or otherwise.

Article V.

All applications for admission of Orphan Children to the Home must be made to the Trustees by the N. G. of the Lodge to which the father of the child or children belonged, and take the usual course; if admitted, there shall be no charge.

The above rules are approved by the Board of Grand Officers.

Jay B. Crawford, *Grand Master.*

Attest: Chas. D. Cole, *Grand Secretary.*

We have not completed a full code of rules and regulations for the management of the Home, not deeming it necessary at this time, but such laws will be arranged later on, being of minor importance as compared with those regulating the admission and amount to be contributed for the support of the Home.

The admission of members to the Home, without the payment of a fee or charge, is based upon the supposition that the members in this jurisdiction, Daughters of Rebekah and all others interested, will contribute, in some proper way, a sum sufficiently large to meet all the expenses incurred in supporting the Home. Precisely how is the best way to do this, is a matter upon which there may be a difference of opinion, and the Trustees submit a plan for your consideration.

They recommend that the Subordinate Lodges collect from each of their members one cent per week per year, which would amount to fifty-two cents from each member. This sum could be collected by the Per. Secretary who could transmit in January and July the amount collected to the Grand Treasurer who would acknowledge the same. By this very small contribution from each member we should realize a generous sum each year.

This amount or any reasonable sum can be paid by vote of a Lodge from its general fund, for the support of the Massachusetts Odd Fellows' Home, if so preferred. *That question* has been settled by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and there is no doubt about its legality. (See Proceedings, Sovereign Grand Lodge, pages 11,102, 11,374, 11,399.) This seems, to your Trustees, a feasible and practical method of securing a sufficient sum for the support of the Home, and we hope it may be adopted.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following: —

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction has decided to establish, maintain, and support a Home wherein dependent widows may be received and supported, and the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows may be maintained and educated,

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction may donate or loan such portion of their widows' and orphans' fund as they may desire to said Home, provided that such proposition in the Subordinate Lodge to donate or loan said widows' and orphans' fund shall lie over one week before final action. (See Journal of Proceedings for 1891 of Sovereign Grand Lodge, page 12,664, and page 12,705.)

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. FORD,
FRANCIS JEWETT,
JAMES T. JOSLIN,
HENRY DENVER,
JOHN J. WHIPPLE,
NATHAN TAYLOR. } *Trustees.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees:

Since your Treasurer's last published report, final payments on contract and contingent account, incident to the completion of the Home, have been largely dependent on the receipt of donations remaining unpaid, but Lodges and other contributors have generously responded, thus providing for existing necessity. Of the donations pledged and heretofore reported, some still remain unpaid, while others are payable in annual installments in accordance with stipulated conditions. The financial results to present date are herewith submitted, to be followed by the usual Supplementary Report covering any additional receipts or payments if made in time therefor.

DONATIONS FROM LODGES, ENCAMPMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL SOURCES.

Amount paid and unpaid Feb. 11, 1892*.....	$70,666 18	Bequest of F. E. Weber, Boston..	$1,000 00
Donations since added:		H. C. Otis, Worcester.....	5 00
Siloam Lodge, No. 2, additional..	200 00	O. M. Savels, Worcester.....	5 00
Waban, No. 156.....	50 00	George Jennison, Worcester	5 00
Mansfield, No. 194.....	50 00	E. M. Shattuck, Worcester	50 00
Beulah, Reb., No. 3.....	10 00	James A. Clemence, Worcester..	25 00
Unity, Reb., No. 10.....	19 00	John H. Daley, Worcester	25 00
Stella Social Circle, No. 46.....	75 00	John A. Sears, Worcester.....	50 00
M. M. Garfield, Worcester.....	50 00	E. L. Collins, Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14.....	5 00
George Kingston. Worcester.....	25 00		
W. H. Smith, Worcester.....	5 00	Total on general account Aug. 1, 1892.....	$72,330 18
H. B. Belcher, Worcester	5 00		
C. F. Hanson, Worcester.	5 00		

* Including land donated.

RECEIPTS ON GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Amount received to Feb. 11, 1892		$48,772 37	
Since received:			
Grand Lodge, on account	543 82		
Siloam Lodge, No. 2, from members*	500 00		
Mechanics, No. 11, on account	500 00		
Essex, No. 26	350 00		
Oberlin, No. 28	1,000 00		
Bay State, No. 40	1,000 00		
Mt. Wollaston, No. 80	100 00		
Marine, No. 96		$25 00	
R. W. Drown, No. 106, on account,		200 00	
United Brothers, No. 122		500 00	
Anchoria, No. 142, on account		50 00	
Amity, No. 172		125 00	
Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 49		100 00	
North Star, Reb , No. 32		100 00	
New donations above reported		1,664 00	
Dividend on O. F. Hall, stock		40 00	
Total to date			$55,570 19

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

Amount expended to Feb. 11, 1892		$33,264 83
Additional payments to present date:		
On building contracts	$9,000 00	
Extra labor and material on same account	639 24	
Gas machine and fixtures	849 00	
Plumbing and materials therefor	360 78	
Masonry, painting and materials	644 82	
Book case, shades and other fixtures	322 63	
Alterations, supervision, etc	150 00	
Additional insurance	346 25	
Coal purchased	240 90	
Sundry teaming and labor	876 65	
Grading, concreting and material	1,220 06	
Services of watchman	256 50	
Services of superintendent and matron	87 48	
Contingent and miscellaneous expenses	687 53	
		15,681 84
Total expenditures on general account to present date		$48,946 67

DONATIONS FOR FURNISHING ROOMS.

The following donations pledged are in addition to the generous gifts from Lodges and individuals who have chosen to furnish rooms themselves, the cost of which has not been reported : —

Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1	$100 00	Social Circle of Cypress Reb. Lodge, No. 51	$100 00
Siloam, No. 2	100 00	West Gardner Sewing Circle,	
Bunker Hill, No. 14	100 00	D. of R	100 00
Tisquantum, No. 46	100 00	Alfred S. Pinkerton, P. G. M	100 00
Harmony, No. 68, and Purity Reb., No. 94	100 00	Rufus B. Gifford, P. G. Rep., Salem,	100 00
Quinobequin, No. 70	100 00	Mary E. Hayden, Boston	100 00
Hermann, No. 133	200 00	Moses T. Durrell, Boston	100 00
Dorchester, No. 158	100 00	James and Ellen M. Buxton, Peabody	100 00
Paul Revere, No. 184	100 00	D. N. Kemp, Lynn	100 00
Mt. Vernon, No. 186	100 00	Francis E. Merriman, G. Rep., Boston	100 00
Cliftondale, No. 193	100 00	Roswell S. Merriman, Westfield.	100 00
Electric, No. 204	100 00	Herbert N. Kingsbury, Westfield.	100 00
Grand Canton Shawmut, No. 1*	100 00	Q. N. Green, P. G., Sincerity Lodge, No. 173	50 00
Grand Canton, No. 3*	100 00	Wm. H. Meads, Beverly Farms*	50 00
Esther, Reb., No. 12	100 00	A. L. and M. L. Hills, Palmer	100 00
Bernice, Reb., No. 36*	100 00	Total to present date	$3,400 00
Hawthorne, Reb., No. 57	100 00		
Good Cheer, Reb., No. 60	100 00		
Banner, Reb., No. 89	100 00		
Erminie, Reb., No. 76	100 00		

* This with $1,000 previously paid makes the liberal sum of $1,500 from members and their friends, the Lodge itself adding $200 more, besides $100 for the furnishing of a room. Its list of donors will appear in Supplementary Report.

Donations thus * designated are yet unpaid. Others amounting to $3,050 have been received, and $2,583.14 paid therefrom.

DONATION FOR LIBRARY.

As stated in the Trustees' Report, the Home has been the recipient of $500 from Thomas H. Dodge, its well-known benefactor, donated for library outfit, which amount the Treasurer holds, no payments having yet been made therefrom.

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts on general account as before stated	$55,570 19	
Amount expended	48,946 67	
Balance remaining, including O. F. Hall stock		$6,623 52
Receipts for the furnishing of rooms	$3,050 00	
Amount thus far expended	2,583 14	
Balance remaining		466 86
Amount received on Library account still in hand		500 00
Total unexpended balance		$7,590 38

Repectfully submitted,

JULIUS L. CLARKE,
Treasurer.

BOSTON, Aug. 5, 1892.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home, do hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched for.

FRANCIS JEWETT, } *Auditing*
JAMES T. JOSLIN, } *Committee.*

TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

BOSTON, Aug. 11, 1892.

To the Board of Trustees:

Your Treasurer submits herewith the following statement of additional donations and payments: —

NEW DONATIONS FOR GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Uxbridge Lodge, No. 120	$100 00	C. C. Fuller, Worcester	$50 00
Abigail Adams Lodge, No. 90, D. of R.	50 00	Total	$200 00

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS ON SAME ACCOUNT.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 183, on account of donation heretofore reported	$25 00
New donations as above reported	200 00
Total	$225 00

DONATIONS FOR FURNISHING ROOMS.

In addition to donations reported under date of Aug. 1, Crescent Reb. Lodge, No. 35, pledges $100 towards furnishing the dining-room of the Home.

Since the preceding report was rendered, Bernice Reb. Lodge, No. 36, has paid its donation of $100 for furnishing a room in the Home.

EXPENDITURES.

The following additional payments have been made on building and general account: —

On building contracts, in full	$592 74
Hardware material for entire building	537 88
Gas burners and fixtures	261 85
Groceries and other supplies	100 46
Contingent expenses	82 79
Total additional payments	$1,575 72

With these supplementary additions, the total donations for building and other purposes, paid and unpaid, and including land donated, aggregate $76,530.18. The total receipts to present date, exclusive of land, have been $59,445.19. and the total payments $53,105.53; the receipts on building and general account aggregating $55,795.19, and payments therefrom $50,522.39, leaving the unexpended balance on that account $5,272.80, including O. F. Hall stock, the balances in hand on room and library account remaining as last reported, with $100 addition to the former.

Fraternally submitted,

JULIUS L. CLARKE,
Treasurer.

SILOAM LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F.

The following is the list of members of Siloam Lodge and their friends who have contributed so large an amount ($1,800), in aid of the Massachusetts Odd Fellows' Home, including $100 for furnishing a room, as reported in that account: —

Buttner, L. C.	$3 00	Moore, J. F.	$10 00
Brown, D. J.	10 00	Page, C. F.	50 00
Burnham, W. S.	5 00	Pollard, Mrs. Ann S.	100 00
Curtis, Mrs. G. A.	25 00	Sargent, Mrs. Martha	100 00
Foster, Charles	1 00	Siloam Lodge	200 00
Kinsell, H. H.	5 00		

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SILOAM LODGE.

Ashley, Homer,	$10 00	Collamore, W.	$2 00
Adams, Luther	5 00	Chandler, H. B.	15 00
Bates, N. N.	1 00	Chadburne, L.	1 00
Bursley, H.	2 00	Cutting, W. L.	5 00
Butler, E. R.	10 00	Clark, G. F.	2 00
Brigham, Geo. O.	25 00	Campbell, H.	1 00
Brazier, L. R.	2 00	Day, N.	10 00
Burdett, C. A.	20 00	Davis, G. H.	50 00
Buxton, W.	1 00	Dix, M. S.	2 00
Burns, G. W.	10 00	Dimond, H. C.	5 00
Beal, H. T.	2 00	Doe, A.	1 00
Brooks, J. N.	5 00	Dose, H.	5 00
Butterfield, A. P.	5 00	Earl, H.	5 00
Bingham, J.	5 00	Ela, J. Q.	5 00
Bursley, W. H.	2 00	Emerson, T. A.	2 00
Brown, J. M.	5 50	Etchells, L.	5 00
Burbank, H. Z.	5 00	Ford, Wm. E.	100 00
Barron, G. A.	1 00	Filene, W.	5 00
Baker, A. T.	2 00	Foss, S. W.	2 00
Classen, T. D.	5 00	Fuller, A.	5 00
Curtis, A. P.	25 00	Faulkner, E. D.	5 00

Gleason, J. M.	$5 00
Gould, C. B.	5 00
Glidden, C.	2 00
Goodwin, W. H.	10 00
Gilby, J. S.	1 00
Haraden, D. T.	5 00
Honey, N.	5 00
Hallett, D. B.	50 00
Halstrick, J.	5 00
Harrison, P.	5 00
Hurlin, J. M.	2 00
Hollis, E. A.	1 00
Holden, H.	5 00
Hamlin, F. W.	2 00
Jaquith, A. D.	3 00
James, R.	5 00
Jones, L. L.	50 00
Johnson, F. T.	10 00
Keach, G. B.	2 00
Kendall, H. H.	5 00
Kennedy, F. L.	2 00
Lucas, S. F.	1 00
Lancaster, J. L.	1 00
Lugrin, A. W.	10 00
Littlefield, G. A.	5 00
Leavitt, J.	5 00
Lawrence, J. A.	1 00
Lindsey, H. A.	1 00
McKenney, C. H.	50 00
McQuade, T. A.	2 00
Nolte, G. J.	2 00
Orcutt, D. J.	3 00
Parker, C. S.	50 00
Porter, T. C.	50 00
Pray, W.	50 00
Parsons, G. A.	5 00
Robbins, G. W.	50 00
Rowe, S. S.	40 00
Romney, C. W.	10 00
Restarrick, T. C.	$15 00
Rowe, C. A.	5 00
Rowe, M. B.	5 00
Reed, G. M. D.	5 00
Ridler, P.	5 00
Rice, C. A.	5 00
Robinson, F. J.	2 00
Rodday, R. J.	5 00
Rice, A. D.	5 00
Seaver, E.	5 00
Smith, E. A.	50
Sanders, W.	1 00
Simpson, D. S.	50 00
Stoddard, E. B.	2 00
Sanborn, A. P.	2 00
Smith, E. F.	25 00
Simmons, G. H.	1 00
Swift, W.	2 00
Smith, J.	2 00
Shipley, C. L.	1 00
Thomson, G. W.	20 00
Tucker, E. H.	25 00
Tufts, William	50 00
Tuttle, A. T.	1 00
Tucker, T. L.	5 00
Tuckett, J. T.	5 00
Tuckett, W. J.	5 00
Tuckerman, A. W.	5 00
Thompson, N. T. C.	3 00
Townsend, R. J.	3 00
Tuckett, J. F.	5 00
Waitt, J. M.	11 30
Wise, S. H.	25 00
Willis, G. O.	50
Waitt, A. M.	5 00
Walker, G. F.	3 00
Wheeler, G. F.	1 00
Yeaton, G. M.	2 00

THE MASSACHUSETTS ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

A LEAF FROM HISTORY.

The Odd Fellows' Home, concerning which so much has been said and written, has become an established fact, and its erection in Worcester is the grand fruition of a benevolent scheme nearly half a century old. Its history is almost the history of Odd Fellowship, and, in an organization which measures its antiquity by deeds, not years, stands forth as a monument to the untiring benevolence of one of the greatest and grandest fraternal institutions on the face of the earth. That such provision for aged and indigent members of the Fraternity, who have been victims of adverse fate in the struggle of life, was hastened by the munificence of one outside of the Order, is, as it should be, a matter of personal pride and gratification to all within its affiliation. To the Trustees who have labored so long and earnestly to secure the establishment of this Home must come an overwhelming sense of satisfaction, in seeing their efforts so substantially crowned at last.

For fifteen years has this noble and blessed charity been under consideration in this jurisdiction, and now that its accomplishment has been achieved, the recital of a brief but comprehensive history of the circumstances which led to such a glorious result becomes eminently appropriate, and is herewith submitted by permission of the Grand Lodge. In its preparation, the Trustees acknowledge themselves largely and gratefully indebted to the Worcester press for important historical data already compiled to their hand, and especially to "The Corner Stone" for its very elaborate and interesting history of this noble and humane ministry of our Order, and of which they have made liberal use in these pages.

So long ago as 1846, or some twenty-eight years after the establishment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in these United States, Union Lodge, No. 13, of Mobile, Alabama, adopted the following resolution: "*Resolved:* That this Lodge will cheerfully contribute such a sum, as may be necessary, for the purpose of carrying out a general plan of education for the children of deceased Odd Fellows, *and other purposes*, under such directions and laws as the Grand Lodge of the United States may direct, and that this resolution be signed by the officers of the lodge, and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States."

This resolution was presented to the Grand Lodge at the September session, and a committee of three was appointed to inquire into the

propriety of establishing such an institution. The committee reported favorably, and a resolution earnestly requesting State Grand Bodies to consider the expediency of the establishment of a general system of education and relief was unanimously adopted. It was at this session that Grand Secretary Ridgely, inspired with almost prophetic vision, expressed himself in the ever-to-be-remembered words: "If the Order approve and honor this scheme, the end is consummated; and we shall have erected a monument in the hearts and the affections of thousands of widows and orphans, which shall, in all time, consecrate Odd Fellowship as a system of pure and unmixed beneficence." The lapse of more than forty years has but proved with exactitude the truth of this noble sentiment.

A year later (1847) at the annual session of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, a special committee of nine, to whom it had been referred, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., approve of the proposition submitted by G. L. U. S. in regard to the establishment by the Order of a National Seminary of Learning, regarding it as a measure which in its adoption would have a tendency to extend and increase the benevolent purposes of the institution, strengthen its bond of union, and perpetuate the principles of our social organization." The original proposition and its subsequent development was manifestly to connect with this National Seminary a home for indigent, aged Odd Fellows, and the education of orphan children of deceased Odd Fellows.

Here was a broadening of the original lines, and a material modification of the plans indicated in the resolution offered by the Mobile Lodge, although perhaps covered by the words *and other purposes.* Be that as it may, very little progress was made in the matter in Massachusetts for a good many years. Meantime the jurisdiction of Maryland had established a permanent system for the education of orphans and care of valetudinary members of the Order, which had been attended with the most gratifying results. In New York State, despite the sanction of its Grand Lodge, no definite action was taken until the Subordinate Lodges, under the authority conferred by the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1870, assembled in convention and adopted articles of association under the name of Odd Fellows' Asylum of the State of New York. This institution differed from the original plan on educational lines, but provided for aged or otherwise permanently infirm members of the Order, respectable support for the remainder of their lives.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia was next to adopt articles of association, similar to those of New York, for an Odd Fellows' Asylum in West Virginia. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky followed with the es-

tablishment of an Odd Fellows' Widows' Home, and Orphans' University, and in November, 1871, the corner stone of the "Odd Fellows' Institute" was laid in the city of Lansing, Michigan, by the Grand Lodge of that State.

These several successful institutions in sister States seem to have operated as a powerful leaven in the old Bay State, for at the February session of its Grand Lodge, in 1874, the subject was presented by Frederick C. Davis, Grand Master, and referred to a committee consisting of William Ellison, William E. Ford, Samuel W. Hodges, Enos H. Tucker, and Thomas C. Porter. This committee reported in favor of the establishment of a home, but no action was taken in accordance therewith. The attitude of the Grand Lodge of the United States no doubt had considerable to do with this awakening of interest, and its resolution authorizing any number of lodges in any district to take initial steps towards organizing asylums for aged Odd Fellows paved the way for that which was to follow.

In his communication to the Grand Lodge in 1875, Julius L. Clarke, Grand Master, also earnestly recommended the establishment of an Odd Fellows' Home in this jurisdiction; and the matter was then referred to a special committee consisting of William Ellison, Thomas C. Porter, William E. Ford, Enos H. Tucker and Benjamin Hibbard.

At the February session of 1876, this committee not only reported strongly in its favor, but furnished a series of resolutions embodying a plan for raising the funds and providing a management of the same. An adverse communication from Providence Lodge, No. 171, of Lynn, was received at the same time, and this, with other opposition, manifested in discussion, rendered it inexpedient to legislate on the subject at that time, and the whole matter was tabled until the next session.

At the August session, protests being received from Tremont Lodge, No. 15, of Boston, and Essex Lodge, No. 26, of Salem, the question of founding a Home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, after a lengthy discussion, was finally indefinitely postponed.

Here the matter rested twelve years, or till the February session of the Grand Lodge in 1887, when Representative Townsend of No. 173, of Wellesley, presented the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the Grand Master appoint a special committee, to consist of seven representatives, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Home for aged or disabled Odd Fellows, within this jurisdiction, and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge. And if in the judgment of the committee, such a Home should be established, to report at the same time a plan for its foundation and support." Upon the adoption of this resolution, the following committee was appointed: Representative Townsend, of No. 173, W. E. Ford,

H. K. Braley, T. C. Porter, P. G. Masters, A. S. Pinkerton, G. Warden, and Representatives Eben Beckford, of No. 40, and Frank Cousins, of No. 26.

Again was a favorable report received from the committee, and a plan submitted for the foundation and support of the Home, and this time a discussion, very strongly in its favor ensued, and the report, with its accompanying resolutions, was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., that it will be for the benefit of the Order in this jurisdiction to establish an Odd Fellows' Home in Massachusetts.

2d. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge earnestly invites all members of the Order, especially Subordinate Lodge members and Daughters of Rebekah, to bring this subject before their respective bodies for consideration, and requests all that shall favor the establishment of a home for aged Odd Fellows, their wives, widows, and orphans, to take such action as will best procure funds for such a purpose, and aid in establishing a permanent fund for this object.

3d. *Resolved*, That a board of five trustees be elected by this Grand Body at this or at its next session, who shall together constitute a board of management, having full power to manage its affairs, to make such rules and regulations for the care of the Home as shall be deemed necessary (subject to the approval of the Board of Grand Officers) and appoint such persons as officers and assistants as shall be required. That no trustee shall receive any compensation for his services, except what he actually pays out for travelling and other necessary expenses.

They may proceed immediately after being organized to devise ways and means to carry forward this project, to issue circulars or solicit aid for this purpose as may seem most desirable, from Lodges and members of our Order.

4th. *Resolved*, That one trustee shall be elected for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; and at the expiration of one year, one trustee shall be elected annually for five years.

They shall continue in office during the term for which they were elected, unless they resign, should die, or be removed by the Grand Lodge for cause, after having been duly tried and convicted of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

In case of a vacancy, it shall be filled by this Board.

It shall be the duty of the trustees to report once a year to this Grand Body the condition of the Home and property under their charge.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Body shall act as secretary of the said trustees, and the Grand Treasurer as treasurer of the same, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. The property and funds to be used by the trustees shall be subject to their order, and shall be held and known as belonging to the Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts.

6th. *Resolved*, That the trustees at their earliest opportunity take measures to select and secure a suitable piece of land situated near some city or town in the centre of the State (if deemed best), easy of access, and having buildings upon the same, or upon which they can be erected.

Trustees of Odd Fellows' Home were then elected as follows: Francis Jewett, five years; Henry K. Braley, four years; James T. Joslin, three years; William E. Ford, two years; John J. Whipple, one year.

Then began the first of a series of appeals, by circular and otherwise, to the different Lodges, Encampments, Patriarchs Militant, Daughters of Rebekah and others likely to be interested in a work so truly fraternal. The Trustees voted to raise one hundred thousand dollars as the amount necessary to make the institution successful and permanent, and urged upon the respective bodies to adopt such measures, and appoint such committees, as should best promote the success of the benevolent object. The first of these circulars was issued in September, 1887, and met with so liberal a response that a second circular explaining the cardinal principles underlying the establishment of the Home, was prepared in November of the same year, and distributed to the Subordinate Lodges, Encampments, Cantons of Patriarchs Militant, and Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. These principles were briefly summarized as follows: —

1. An Odd Fellow's Home does not contemplate the substitution of a mode of relief for that which already rests on the several bodies comprising the Fraternity.
2. The Home is to supplement the relief so furnished, and to provide an asylum for those who are superannuated, exceptionally unfortunate, or otherwise accidentally dependent in a measure, at least, on public or private assistance; also for the care of those who may hereafter elect to give or devise their property to the Home, and select the same under suitable regulations, as their place of abode; also, for the care, training and education of dependent orphans of deceased brothers, and for the care and support of deserving dependent widows of deceased members of the Order.
3. The Home is to be established by and through the voluntary beneficence of the Fraternity, and such gifts and donations as may come to it from friends outside of the Order.
4. Its establishment and management, so far as the election of Trustees is concerned, are to be under the direction of the Grand Lodge; the Trustees will also report annually to the Grand Lodge their acts and doings, together with the condition and financial standing of the Home.
5. Besides annual benefactions, there should be a permanent fund, whose income, annually, should be applied to the support of the institution.
6. Beside the Board of Trustees, whose full term of service is five

years, (after the preliminary organization), and whose services are to be gratuitous, the Grand Lodge constituted the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

7. The Trustees have decided, unanimously, that in order to warrant the establishment of such a Home, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars should be raised before anything shall be done by way of definite location, the purchase of land, or the erection of buildings, be entered upon.

The action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session held at Denver, in October of the same year, on the subject of the establishment of Odd Fellows' Homes, was likewise so favorable that it was incorporated in this latter circular. The hearty approval of the Brotherhood followed, as evinced by the numerous responses received by the Board of Trustees, in reply to their appeal for aid. Earnest workers were secured to visit and explain the objects and benefits of the Home, and the work was pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Among those who were numbered first in this missionary work was F. A. Barbour, P. G. of De Soto Lodge, Springfield. He was deeply interested in the enterprise, and rendered much needed and valuable aid. The Treasurer's report at the February session of the Grand Lodge, showed the handsome sum of $11,125 as a result of the first year's work.

Not the least among the pleasant showings of the year was noted the hearty manner in which the Daughters of Rebekah throughout the State, took up and hastened the work of raising funds. The chartered lodges had held a conference in Springfield, October 19th, 1887, at which resolutions of sympathy and co-operation were adopted, yet the Trustees were hardly prepared for anything like the substantial support which followed.

Among the earlier contributors was the former Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Charles Hayden of Boston, who gave $1,000 on condition that the name of the donor should not be mentioned, and it was not known who the generous benefactor was until after his death.

It was at this session that the Grand Encampment, in a communication to the Grand Lodge, asked permission to elect two members on the Board of Trustees, one to serve five and the other three years. This permission was granted and the number of Trustees increased to seven. Rufus B. Gifford and Nathan Taylor were the two Trustees elected by the Grand Encampment.

Still more gratifying in result before the adjournment of this session was reached, the Treasurer's supplementary report showed the fund increased to $22,149, and six months later, at the August session, to $31,092, and at the February session of 1889, to $35,737.99.

It was at this session the perplexities of location for the proposed

Home first began to crop out. While the full amount necessary for its erection and maintenance was not yet pledged, the Trustees felt the necessity of hurrying the work as fast as possible, having as they did, complete faith that the needful amount would be forthcoming at the proper time. A variety of eligible localities was pressed upon the notice of the Trustees, Shirley Village, Belmont, Worcester and Lowell being among the rival and pushing claimants. The Trustees duly performed their part, visiting many localities, but the choice at last lay between Lowell and Worcester, and was decided in favor of the latter by an event that afforded the deepest satisfaction. It was a donation to the Trustees, for the purpose of a Home for aged Odd Fellows of eleven acres of land in the city of Worcester, by Thomas H. Dodge, fully equivalent to $11,000. This was reported to the Grand Lodge at its session in August, 1889, by the President of the Trustees, and was accepted with deepest gratitude.

The following letters relating to the gift, that passed between the Trustees and Mr. Dodge, may prove of interest:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF MASSACHUSETTS, I. O. O. F.,
BOSTON, June 25, 1889.

Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Trustees of Odd Fellows' Home, held in this city on Tuesday afternoon last, the subject of locating the Home came up for consideration, and a report made by Nathan Taylor, Esq., of Worcester, one of the Trustees, informed them of your generous offer of a fine tract of land, pleasantly located in the city of Worcester, for that purpose. On motion, it was voted, unanimously, to accept of the same. Permit us to tender to you the sincere thanks of the Trustees for your generous gift, and assure you the Order of Odd Fellows in this State and throughout the country will honor you for this magnificent offering, while the aged member and the orphan child will bless your name and memory in the years to come for what you have done to help them in their misfortunes and assist in establishing a worthy and noble charity. With kind regards, we remain,

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

WILLIAM E. FORD, President.
CHARLES D. COLE, Secretary.

Mr. Dodge, in reply, says:

AUG. 6, 1889.

William E. Ford, Esq., President, Trustees Odd Fellows' Home, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir,—The letter in behalf of said Trustees, signed by yourself as President, and Charles D. Cole as Secretary, was duly received; and you will please accept thanks for the kind expressions of a personal nature which it contained, in reference to my offer of a site for the Odd Fellows' Home, in Worcester, Mass. Since the reception of

said letter, I have duly executed and delivered to Trustee Nathan Taylor, Esq., of this city, a deed of the land for the Home, and also for Odd Fellows' Park, and have also furnished him with a plan of the survey, etc. I have also caused to be printed some 300 copies of the deed of trust, for the use of the Order, and placed the same in Mr. Taylor's hands. In view of the uncertainty of life, I herewith inclose memorandum of agreements, duly signed, relative to certain things I propose to do for the Home, etc., when completed. Wishing you much success in this charitable work and undertaking of love and friendship, I remain as ever,

Yours truly,

THOMAS H. DODGE.

For the benefit of members of the Order who may not have had the opportunity of reading the deed of trust transferred by their generous benefactor, it is published here entire:

DEED OF TRUST.

THOMAS H. DODGE *of Worcester, Massachusetts, to* TRUSTEES OF THE ODD FELLOWS' HOME, *to be located in Worcester, Mass.*

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that I, Thomas H. Dodge, of the city and county of Worcester in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of one dollar to me in hand paid before the delivery hereof by William E. Ford, of Boston, Francis Jewett, of Lowell, Henry K. Braley, of Fall River, James T. Joslin, of Hudson, John J. Whipple, of Brockton, Rufus B. Gifford, of Salem, and Nathan Taylor, of Worcester, all in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Trustees of the Odd Fellows Home, to be located in said city of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in the further consideration of my interest in and desire to aid and assist the sympathetic brotherhood of Odd Fellows — "forty thousand strong" — resident in said Commonwealth in establishing an enduring and noble charity in said city of Worcester, and one, too, which shall, during all the ages to come, reflect honor and credit upon a loved Commonwealth, the heart of which has so often beat responsively to the calls of liberty and the welfare of mankind, do hereby remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said William E. Ford, Francis Jewett, Henry K. Braley, James T. Joslin, John J. Whipple, Rufus B. Gifford, and Nathan Taylor, trustees, as aforesaid, their successors, or assignee, two certain tracts or parcels of land situated in the northerly part of said Worcester, near Barber's Crossing, and on the easterly line of the Fitchburg Railroad Company's track, successor of the Boston, Barre & Gardner railroad, the first of said tracts or parcels of land being bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the centre of a stone monument set in the ground at the southwesterly corner thereof, and on the easterly line of the location of said Fitchburg railroad track or land, and on the northerly line of land now owned by Mrs. Josephine Adams; thence turning and running south eighty-five degrees and forty-five minutes east, three hundred and forty-four and five-tenths feet by land of the said Adams to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and

running south sixteen degrees and forty-five minutes east, fifty feet by land of the said Adams to a stone monument set in the ground and in the north line of the proposed Park Avenue extension ; thence projecting the same line in continuation by the said points in the said last-named two stone monuments forty-two and three-tenths feet to a point in the centre line of the said Park Avenue extension ; thence turning and running south eighty-eight degrees east, by the said centre line of the said Park Avenue extension seven hundred and sixty-seven feet to a point ; thence turning and running north two degrees east forty feet to a stone monument set in the ground at the intersection of the east line of Odd Fellows' Avenue with the north line of Park-avenue extension ; thence north two degrees east by the said east line of Odd Fellows' Avenue three hundred and forty feet to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and running north eighty-eight degrees west crossing Odd Fellows' Avenue and by other land of grantor and on a line drawn parallel to and three hundred and forty feet distant from the said north line of the said Park Avenue extension one thousand one hundred and ninety-three feet to a stone monument set in the ground and in the easterly line of the location of said Fitchburg railroad; thence turning and running south eight degrees east by the easterly line of the location of the said Fitchburg railroad two hundred and eighty-one and eight-tenths feet to a stone monument set in the ground, and being the place of beginning.

Reserving for all the purposes of a public street a strip of land forty feet in width on the south side of said described tract or piece of land, so far as it includes a section of the northerly half of the proposed Park Avenue extension, which is eighty feet in width, and also reserving to the city of Worcester the right to lay out and grade, as proposed, said Park Avenue extension without liability to said grantees or their successors for land or other damages in consequence thereof.

Also reserving for all the purposes of a public street a strip fifty feet in width on the eastern side of said described tract of land, the same to be called Odd Fellows Avenue, and to be used and enjoyed in common by the grantor, his heirs and assigns, and the grantees and their successors, as a street or public way.

Also reserving for all the purposes of a public street a strip of land fifty feet in width, running north and south entirely through said premises hereby conveyed, the westerly line to be parallel to the easterly line of the said Fitchburg railroad track or land, and three hundred and thirty feet distant therefrom; hereby giving, however, to the said grantees and their successors the right of way over an extension of said street northerly through my other land of fifty feet in width to the street or way leading from West Boylston Street to my farm buildings. Also a right of way over said street or way to said West Boylston Street. I also give for convenience of conveying building materials, the right of way for three years over a drive-way running north and south through my other land from said street running easterly from West Boylston Street, and now used for farming purposes, and some two hundred feet west of my barn. I also give to said grantees and their successors the right to lay and maintain a pipe from my spring well north of my barn, south through my other land, and draw water from said well through said pipe for use on the premises above described; said water pipe to be laid east of the barn, and grantees and their successors not to occupy or disturb more than

six feet of land in width, and with as little inconvenience to the grantor, his heirs or assigns as possible, they occupying said land subject to the above rights, the location once selected by grantees shall be final.

The second of said tracts or parcels of land being bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the centre of a stone monument set in the ground and at the northeast corner of the tract of land now to be described; thence running south sixty-one degrees west by other land of the grantor two hundred and ninety feet to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and running south twenty-nine degrees east by other land of grantor, and crossing Odd Fellows' Avenue, three hundred and ten feet to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and running north sixty-one degrees east by other land of grantor two hundred and ninety feet to a stone monument set in the ground; thence turning and running north twenty-nine degrees west by other land of grantor three hundred and ten feet to a stone monument set in the ground, and being the place of beginning.

Reserving to the grantor, his heirs or assigns, for the purposes of a public street, a strip of land forty feet in width on the northeasterly, southeasterly, and northwesterly sides, and a strip of land fifty feet in width on the southwesterly side of said last-described tract of land, the same to be enjoyed in common with the grantees and their successors for the purposes of a public street.

A right of way is given to the grantees from the first-described tract to the Odd Fellows' Park over the northeasterly end of Odd Fellows' Avenue, which is fifty feet in width, and runs north sixty-one degrees east, three hundred and six feet on the easterly line, and three hundred and thirty-four feet on the westerly line. The last above-described tract of land is a part of the estate conveyed to said grantor and others by Walter Bigelow, by his deed dated the sixth day of June, 1873, and recorded with Worcester District Deeds, book 906, page 219, while the first-described tract of land is a part of the same Walter Bigelow estate, a part of the estate conveyed to said grantor and others, by deed of William T. Barber, dated July 25, 1873; and recorded with Worcester Deeds, book 905, page 276, and a part of the estate conveyed to the grantor, by deed of Edwin P. Curtis, dated April 23, 1886, and recorded with Worcester District Deeds, book 1215, page 283.

The last above-described premises are conveyed upon the express conditions that buildings for residence or business purposes are not to be erected thereon, but the same shall be called "Odd Fellows' Park," and be occupied and enjoyed as a private park, and purposes germane thereto by the Order and their wards and beneficiaries.

The first above-described premises are conveyed upon the express conditions that they are to be forever used as an Odd Fellows' Home and purposes germane to and legitimately connected therewith, and that at least twenty-five thousand dollars shall be expended in buildings thereon within three years from the date hereof.

To have and to hold the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said grantees, their successors, or assignee, forever, but in trust, nethertheless, as follows: to be occupied and used by the fraternity known as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, as a

site for a Home for indigent or dependent members of the Order within said jurisdiction, their wives, widows and orphans, and for such worthy, unfortunate or friendless members of the Order as the Trustees, or other officers having charge of said Home, may deem deserving to be admitted thereto. Said Trustees or their successors in offices are hereby authorized and empowered to convey by proper and suitable deed of conveyance the premises hereby conveyed to such corporation, if any, as may hereafter be created under the laws of this Commonwealth more effectually to carry out and execute the aforesaid trust.

And may God in His infinite mercy smile upon the institution thus founded by fraternal love, and grant that the wide spread influence thereof may stimulate the growth of a broad and enlightened Christianity and tend to promote an advanced civilization.

And for the consideration aforesaid, I, Eliza D. Dodge, wife of the said Thomas H. Dodge, do hereby release unto the said grantees and their successors all right of or to both dower and homestead in the granted premises.

In witness whereof, we, the said Thomas H. Dodge and said Eliza D. Dodge, wife of said Thomas H., hereunto set our hands and seals this 29th day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

THOMAS H. DODGE. [SEAL]
ELIZA D. DODGE. [SEAL]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

ALFRED S. PINKERTON.
DANIEL A. HARRINGTON.

Upon the reception of the deed, the Grand Lodge took action in the premises, which are full and comprehensive, as an expression of thanks, and contain suggestions regarding the Home that are worthy of consideration in connection with the munificent gift :

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts:

Whereas Thomas H. Dodge, a distinguished and benevolent citizen of Worcester, has deeded to the Trustees of the Odd Fellow's Home, in trust, however, a valuable and desirable tract of land in the city of Worcester, containing some eleven acres, as a site for said Home, and has granted to said Trustees the temporary use of other premises adjoining said land, and has obligated himself to donate $500 toward the founding of a library at said Home when erected; and

Whereas said Thomas H. Dodge has thus evinced his interest in a great public charity through his love for the welfare of mankind, his approval of the practical benevolence of a great fraternity, and an honorable desire for the growth and development of his adopted city (the donor not being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows) : and

Whereas said Thomas H. Dodge has, by these acts of disinterested benevolence, demonstrated the fact that the enterprise in which the brotherhood is engaged has awakened an interest in the minds of thoughtful people outside of the membership of the Order, a fact

which should kindle anew the zeal and co-operation of all members in every branch of the Order to secure an early and complete consummation of the good work now in hand: therefore by this Grand Lodge, representing the body of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction, it is hereby sincerely and devoutly

Resolved, That the heart of Odd Fellowship throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is touched with sentiments of gratitude for the unsought and unexpected generosity of its benefactor in gratuitously giving a site for the foundation of its Home in the central and attractive city of Worcester; that this act of benevolence by a person who has not experienced the satisfaction derived from close affiliation, but who has only observed the practical worth of Odd Fellowship by its apparent and actual results, will touch a common chord of sympathy and gratitude wherever Odd Fellowship is known and its usefulness is felt; that the thanks of this Grand Lodge, and through it, the thanks of all branches of the Order in Massachusetts, are gratefully extended to Thomas H. Dodge of Worcester for the gift of land in that city, and for other and further acts of generosity in behalf of the Odd Fellows' Home to be planted in this jurisdiction; that, by this outward act of acceptance of his donations, his kindness of heart is acknowledged, and that, in the prosecution and completion of this undertaking, his memory will be held in loving remembrance, and shall hereafter be perpetuated by some more fitting memorial in order that his goodness and generosity may be known to the generations yet to come.

The Grand Lodge likewise adopted resolutions thanking Horace H. Bigelow of Worcester for his marked attention to the Trustees and his generous offer to give land for the purposes of the Home.

THE BUILDING.

No public building in the city of Worcester occupies a finer location than the Odd Fellows Home. Easy of access, and conveniently situated away from the noise and turmoil of a busy city, it stands in a commanding position facing the south, and fronting the line of the boulevard extension. Just at its intersection therewith, lie the fifteen acres of land offered by Mr. Thomas Dodge to the city for a park; while the ground on which the Home is situated rises fifty or more feet above the railroad tracks, which form its western boundary, the view in all directions being both picturesque and magnificent. North Pond, a pretty sheet of water, lies close at hand, beyond which is a long rising stretch of fertile ground dotted with farm houses and ending in wooded hills at the horizon. A little to the north east of the Home on one of the highest points in the vicinity is the acre of land given by Mr. Dodge as a park for the Odd Fellows.

The building faces the south, and consists of a main structure 100 x 40 feet, with a large ell at the rear 50 x 40 feet, separated by a brick wall from the main part as a protection against fire. The building is four stories and a half in height with a steep hip roof ornamented

with dormer windows. A large central tower in front twenty feet square, with turrets at each corner, and an irregularly curved roof, is a very handsome and conspicuous feature, the Howard clock set in its roof having four illuminated dials facing each point of the compass. The clock was donated by the executors of the will of Brother F. E. Weber, of Boston, as an addition to his bequest of one thousand dollars to the Home. The most modern style of architecture prevails throughout the building. The material used is brick and brown stone, while the interior is finished throughout in ash.

The veranda at the main entrance is of brick and stone, 44 feet long and 12 feet wide, and is reached by a broad flight of granite buttress steps. The front door enters the vestibule, 8 x 17 feet, and the office occupies a corner of the main hall. Double doors lead into the main hall 17½ x 37 feet in size. The stairs are at the north end, at the right, and ascend with one quarter landing. A double doorway on the right opens into the auditorium 37 x 39 feet, with a seating capacity of one hundred and fifty. Opposite this door is the arch to the corridor of the west wing.

At the left of this corridor is the ladies' reception room, 14 x 15 feet, and the public parlor, 15 x 25½ feet, while at the end is the library 21 x 26 feet. These rooms can be thrown into one room by means of large sliding doors. Both library and parlor have large fireplaces.

Beyond the corridor arch on the left of the main hall is the elevator which ascends to the fourth story. The large ladies' toilet room is just beyond the elevator opposite the stairs. At the end of the hall is the entrance to the lobby, which occupies the space between the china closet and gents' toilet room. A part of the lobby on the right is occupied by the men's lavatory.

From the lobby, a double door opens into the public dining-room, 20½ x 39 feet, in the ell, with a seating capacity of seventy-five. At the right of this room is the kitchen, 16 x 18 feet, off of which are the butler's and main pantries. The back hall connects with both the dining-room and kitchen, also with the store-room, 7 x 8 feet, at the rear of the main pantry.

In the east wing of the second story are five chambers, each 12 x 15 feet, and women's bath-room, opening from a corridor. There is also a men's bath-room and two linen closets on this floor and each floor above. A public sitting-room, 17 x 32 feet in size, is also on each of the three upper floors.

On the third floor, over the Superintendent's quarters are six bedrooms, and in the east wing, five chambers and a bath-room. The ell will probably be used as a hospital ward. The attic stories will be used when needed as dormitories for children, and chambers for general use, divided up as on the third floor.

Each chamber thoroughout the building is provided with a large roomy closet, while on each floor in both the main and ell parts is a closet to hold a fire-extinguisher and other fire apparatus.

The smoking-room is in the basement, occupying the west wing and is 39 x 39 feet in size.

On the facade of the building, two-thirds the way up the tower, three links, the symbol of the Order, each over four feet in length appear. Over the entrance are the words "Odd Fellows Home," cut in huge letters in granite.

Barker & Nourse of Worcester were the architects, and their intelligent co-operation in carrying out the plans and purposes submitted to them, has given the most complete satisfaction. The estimated cost of the building is about $55,000.

SOME OF THE FURNISHINGS.

It would be impossible to include in the space allowed for this history anything more than a brief reference to some of the furnishings with which the various apartments of the Home have been fitted up through the generosity of lodges and individuals.

The auditorium before referred to is fitted with chairs, settees and rockers of oak, matching the finish, and over the head of the platform are hung crayon portraits in heavy gold frames, the gifts of A. M. Driscoll of Worcester. In the centre hangs that of Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., the donor of the Home site; on his right that of Trustee Nathan Taylor of Worcester, and on the left Julius L. Clarke, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of West Newton, formerly a resident of Worcester. On the west side of the room hangs a portrait of Alfred S. Pinkerton, Past Grand Master, of Worcester. On the platform is a chair used in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., by the first Grand Master, in 1823, and presented to the Home by Moses T. Durrell, Past Grand, of Boston.

The Superintendent's office has a four-light chandelier, an oak roll-top desk, elegant chairs, large floor rugs, etc., the gift of Henry Walker of Worcester.

The parlor is furnished by Pearl Hill Rebekah Lodge, No. 47, of Fitchburg, and is one of the finest rooms in the Home. At all the windows are lace curtains on white and gold poles, and between the sliding doors to the library and office are heavy red chenille portieres. There is a full plush parlor suit, an oak centre table, two willow chairs, and carpet. The fireplace is furnished with a grate, brass andirons, etc. On the mantel is draped a pretty China silk lambrequin, with bronze ornaments.

The library presents an airy appearance with its willow chairs, oak

table, Smyrna rugs, etc., the gift of Trustee John J. Whipple, ex-mayor of Brockton, and a former resident of Worcester.

The reception or sitting room on the second floor, is furnished by Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 33, of Worcester, and has handsome lace curtains at the windows, chenille portieres at the doors, an oak centre table, and an oak stand on which rests a handsome Bible, given by the Sanford-Sawtelle Company. The other furnishings include a plush sofa, plush rocker and chair, an oak rocker and a leather rocker, and on the floor are spread numerous rugs. The walls are adorned with handsome pictures.

The third floor reception room is furnished by Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 18, at a cost of over $400. At the windows are handsome lace curtains, and at the doors heavy crushed — strawberry colored chenille portieres. The furnishings include an elegant plush sofa, leather, willow, oak, and Turkish rockers, and an elegant raw silk Turkish rocker. In the centre of the room is a handsome XVI. century centre table, and in one corner is a pretty little oak table. The floor is covered with handsome Turkish rugs, and the walls are ornamented with etchings and valuable pictures.

The various rooms on the second and third floors are uniformly furnished with chamber suits of oak and of pretty design, including a bedstead, dressing case, and commode. The other furnishings include a willow rocker, an oak rocker, an oak chair, two common chairs and a small oak table. Two rugs are on the floor of each chamber. These furnishings cost about $100 for each room, and most of the rooms have been furnished by Lodges and members of the Order, the names of the donors appearing upon nickel plates on the doors of the rooms.

In addition to the generous gifts from Lodges and individuals who have chosen to furnish rooms themselves, and at their own expense, the following have kindly contributed or pledged special donations therefor: —

Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1; Siloam, No. 2; Bunker Hill, No. 14; Tisquantum, No. 46; Harmony, No. 68, and Purity Rebekah, No. 94; Quinobequin, No. 70; Hermann, No. 133; Dorchester, No. 158; Paul Revere, No. 184; Mt. Vernon, No. 186; Cliftondale, No. 193; Electric, No. 204; Grand Canton Shawmut, No. 1; Grand Canton, No. 3; Esther Rebekah, No. 12; Crescent Rebekah, No. 35; Bernice Rebekah, No. 36; Hawthorne Rebekah, No. 57; Good Cheer Rebekah, No. 60; Banner Rebekah, No. 89; Erminie Rebekah, No. 76; Social Circle of Cypress Lodge, No. 51, D. of R.; West Gardner Sewing Circle, D. of R.; Alfred S. Pinkerton, P. G. M.; Rufus B. Gifford, Salem; Mary E. Hayden, Boston; Moses T. Durrell, Boston; James and Ellen M. Buxton; Peabody; D. N. Kemp, Lynn; Francis E. Mer-

riman, Boston; Roswell S. Merriman, Westfield; Herbert N. Kingsbury, Westfield; Q. N. Green, P. G., Sincerity Lodge, No. 173; Wm. H. Meads, Beverly Farms; A. L. and M. L. Hills, Palmer.

At its February session of 1892, the Grand Lodge authorized the Trustees to purchase additional land in order to secure important advantages in the interest of the Home. They accordingly purchased of Mr. Dodge about five and a half acres for $10,500, making sixteen and a half acres now owned by the Home, Mr. Dodge generously donating 10,000 feet in addition to be known as the "Rebekah Garden," for which he furnishes many choice plants, and in which the Rebekah Lodges of the State will each have a small plot of land in which to plant flowers. Such a gift is all the more acceptable as a fitting tribute to that branch of our Order, which has extended most cordial sympathy and hearty coöperation in securing necessary funds for the Home.

At the same session of the Grand Lodge, the Trustees were also authorized to petition the Legislature for an act exempting the Home from taxation, which was promptly secured.

Without citing the Treasurer's reports in detail, as rendered from session to session, it may suffice to state that donations reported at the closing of this history in aid of the Home, both paid and unpaid, aggregate $76,530.18, including land donated, but *exclusive* of known bequests not yet received or officially announced, as also of choice and beautiful gifts without statement of monetary value, the latter generously contributed for exterior and interior adornment and use. Receipts from other donations to date have been $59,445.19; $55,795.19 for general account, $3,150 for the furnishing of rooms, and $500 for the library; while the payments therefrom have amounted to $53,663.84, of which $51,080.70 was on building account, including cost of grading land and other contingent expenses. Among the generous contributors in aid of this noble and humane ministry are 161 Lodges, 9 Encampments, 2 Grand Cantons; and of the Rebekah, 32 Lodges and 8 Sewing-Circles, besides a large number of individuals, including some who are not members of our Order.

Such is but a brief summary of the more important historic data associated with the origin, progress, and consummation of this humane enterprise. Very much more might be added in the same connection, but other matters of general interest will absorb remaining space, among them scenes and services incident to the laying of the corner stone and the dedication of the Home to its fraternal ministry.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE.

This service was appropriately performed on the 8th of October, 1890, by Henry Denver, Grand Master, of Springfield, assisted by Charles B. Dunkerton, Grand Patriarch, of Worcester, and members of the Board of Grand Officers. The corner stone was a welcome gift from Cornelius Bradford, Past Grand, of Mayflower Lodge, No. 54, of Plymouth, who had donated one hundred and fifty dollars for its purchase and preparation, and was gratefully accepted and acknowledged by Past Grand Master Ford, President of the Board of Trustees.

The occasion was honored by the presence of many distinguished members of the Order as well as prominent citizens of this and other States, among them Charles M. Busbee, Grand Sire, of Raleigh, North Carolina, His Excellency the Governor of this State, Hon. J. Q. A. Brackett, His Honor Mayor Francis A. Harrington and members of the Worcester city government, the donor of the site, Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., and many others.

Great preparations had been made for the event by the members in Worcester, but unfavorable weather in the early morning prevented thousands from attending the exercises. The city never looked more attractive in its profuse display of flags and decorations, and the procession under the direction of Chief Marshal Daniel A. Harrington, was never excelled in Worcester in point of numbers and the orderly appearance of the participants.

The line numbered more than five thousand men. Maj. Gen. E. Burritt Palmer was in charge of the Canton division, Commander James K. Churchill in charge of the Encampment division, and Col. E. M. Estes in charge of the Subordinate Lodges.

The preliminary exercises were held in the rink, the President of the Board of Trustees, William E. Ford, presiding, and the addresses were given by Grand Sire Busbee and Governor Brackett, and a hymn written especially for the occasion by Brother B. P. Shillaber (Mrs. Partington, since deceased) was sung to the tune of "America." Then followed the parade and the laying of the corner stone in accordance with the usuages of the Order.

THE DEDICATION.

In its graphic and interesting account of the scenes and incidents of this notable event, the *Worcester Spy* happily remarks that if Thomas Wildey could have looked on the Odd Fellows' demonstration June 22 in connection with the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Home, he would have been proud of the progress of the Order of which he was the founder in this country. It was Odd Fellows' day,

and for hours the city was in the hands of the men who wore the mystic three links. Trains were run to accommodate them, streets were roped off that they might march unimpeded, business blocks and private houses were decorated in honor of their visit, and everything was done to make them feel that they were thrice welcome in the heart of the Commonwealth.

At 9.45 the Worcester battalion, consisting of the five Subordinate Lodges of Worcester and the two Encampments, proceeded to the Union depot and met the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment and the Trustees. The Grand Officers were received by the special committee and escorted to carriages, proceeding thence to the Bay State House, where a lunch was served, after which they were taken direct to the Home.

There were probably fifty thousand visitors in the city to attend the dedication and see the parade. Every minute for an hour trains loaded with men and women wearing the Odd Fellow and Rebekah badges, disgorged their living freight at Barber's Crossing, and by noon the hillside on which the Home stands gleamed and glistened under the sun like a huge monster with scales of gold. One expression found universal utterance, to the effect that no more beautiful site could have been selected for the Home.

Under direction of Chief Marshal Churchill the procession began to form shortly after 12.30, the line being extraordinarily long, in some places in double column. Shortly after 1 30 the order was given to march, and for three hours there was one grand medley of band music in the streets ; banners waved and swords flashed and when at evening the sun went away on its journey around the world, it bore a wonderful tale of one of the most glorious days of Odd Fellowship in Massachusetts.

After all had arrived at the Home, the service of dedication proceeded, and was admirably conducted by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge in the beautiful and impressive form of the Order. The ceremonies took place in the main hall, Grand Master Crawford occupying the chair used by the first Grand Master in this State. Every inch of available space in the rooms on the lower floor was filled with an interested audience.

Besides Jay B. Crawford, Grand Master, there were present and participating in the services, James M. Price, Deputy Grand Master, Louis A. Cook, Grand Warden, Charles D. Cole, Grand Secretary, J. Lawrence Martin, Assistant Grand Secretary, Julius L. Clarke, Grand Treasurer, Austin S. Esty, Grand Conductor, acting as Grand Marshal, Rev. William F. Dusseault, Grand Chaplain, and Joseph York, Grand Instructor. Charles A. Mayo, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, sat beside the Grand Master and assisted in the

services. The full Board of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were in attendance. There were also present Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., ex-Mayor Samuel Winslow, Judge Parmenter of Cambridge, the Trustees, President of the Board William E. Ford of Roxbury, Chairman of the Building Committee, Nathan Taylor of Worcester, Francis Jewett of Lowell, James T. Joslin of Hudson, John J. Whipple of Brockton, and Henry Denver of Springfield; also Lieut.-Governor William H. Haile, Hon. Theodore C. Bates, Hon. Charles B. Pratt, Mayor Harrington and the Worcester aldermen, together with other invited guests who were in the carriages, as given in the annexed order of procession.

In his introductory address, Grand Patriarch Mayo said: — "We have assembled here to-day representing forty-five thousand strong, loyal Odd Fellows, for the purpose of dedicating this Home. Oct. 8, 1890, we laid the corner stone of this structure, and since then the Trustees have pressed on with the work unceasingly, until you see the building finished as it is to-day. Look around and behold it in all its beauty and grandeur.

"Here let us build our altar to-day. First to Purity, second to Friendship, Love and Truth, and lastly to Faith, Hope and Charity, but ever let us remember that the greatest of these is Charity."

Austin S. Esty, acting as Grand Marshal, then proceeded with his part of the dedicatory services, and after the words, "Odd Fellowship has her altar, her sacred shrine, around and before which we, as Odd Fellows, bow and worship," following the very impressive and beautiful language of our work, James M. Price, as Grand Herald of the North, Joseph York, as Grand Herald of the South, Julius L. Clarke, as Grand Herald of the West, and J. Lawrence Martin, as Grand Herald of the East, built the altar of Odd Fellowship — representing Friendship, Love and Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity resting upon the white base of Purity — until it stood as a completed altar, embodying the grand principles that underlie the stupendous fabric of Odd Fellowship.

Beautiful music was furnished by the Odd Fellows' Quartet, E. F. Little, J. A. Brennan, J. E. McCafferty and Charles I. Rice; and after the "Dedication Ode" was sung, Trustee Nathan Taylor, chairman of the building committee, addressing the Grand Master, and turning over the keys to him, requested in appropriate words that the building be dedicated as an Odd Fellows' Home.

Grand Master Crawford responded in the solemn, impressive language of the ritual, tendering kindly congratulations for the beautiful Home about to be dedicated to those cardinal virtues which should adorn and elevate humanity.

He closed by calling on Grand Chaplain Dusseault to offer prayer,

and after scripture reading, the Grand Herald of the North sprinkled the water from the silver cup resting on the altar; the Grand Herald of the South lighted the colored fire in the silver urn on the altar; the Herald of the East scattered the wheat from the silver cup in which it was contained, and the Grand Herald of the West scattered beautiful flowers from his vase; the Heralds in turn accompanying their service with a brief address impressively illustrating its emblematic significance, the quartet singing a response after each address.

The Grand Chaplain then offered prayer, after which Grand Master Crawford delivered his address as follows: —

ADDRESS OF JAY B. CRAWFORD, GRAND MASTER.

"And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Thus spake the great apostle as his mind dwelt upon the unity of the human race, and of the dependence of man upon his fellow man. Through 1800 years have these words come down to us as the most precious message of peace and love, to find in the present century and under these bright New England skies, their highest development and their truest exposition.

To-day we, as Odd Fellows, have gathered here to dedicate to the highest and most holy works of pure and exalted charity, this building designed as a home for our aged and afflicted brethren.

How much it means! What emotions are raised in our hearts as we contemplate it! It is the free-will offering of noble hearts to those who have worked long and faithfully in our noble cause, and the closing hours of whose lives are to be blessed with care and soothed with sympathy. To-day the 45,000 members of this fraternity in Massachusetts have assembled here to give assurance of how deep and permanent are the noble principles of Odd Fellowship rooted in our hearts, and with what freedom have these offerings been placed upon our altar.

This building, now complete, opens a new work for our fraternity, and here it shall ever stand as one of the greatest monuments of human love and devotion, and here shall it remain to remind us that the lessons of Odd Fellowship have been our hope and our refuge. As we gaze upon this home, in its beauty and proportions, and upon the scenes that are being enacted before us this day, our hearts swell with pride and our minds are filled with admiration at the great strength and prosperity of our beloved order.

Let us not, however, in such contemplations, forget the origin and development of our fraternity, nor lose sight of the lessons to be drawn therefrom. It did not come into existence perfect, as we now

find it, but in its growth it has experienced all the vicissitudes of life; all its struggles; all its hopes. Days of darkness have enshrouded it; sordid interest and selfish motives have sought to undermine it; but above all the bright rainbow of promise has arisen, and like the star of the east has guided it from apparent doom to highest life and success and prosperity.

When this order separated from the old Manchester Unity, it carried with it and in it many of its most objectionable features, which rankled in its heart and festered there; and which so changed the whole object and end and aim of the Order that it essentially lost its great distinctive feature as a charitable and beneficial organization.

Then it was that the grand old heart of Wildey and the splendid intellect of Ridgely were exerted in all their power and force to place the order back upon its proper foundation and to give it life and character.

Then began the greatest battle ever waged in our fraternity. It was a battle of right against wrong; the victory to be won was peace, love, truth and the moral improvement of mankind. Benevolence and charity were to come and spread their blessed influence in the hearts of suffering humanity.

All the baser influences that had found a foothold in the order fought desperately for the supremacy, until the very life of the order hung in the balance. It was no time for doubt or hesitation; it was no time for compromise or concession; but with unwavering courage and undaunted zeal these men stuck boldly and worked on until the victory was won, complete and final.

What could withstand the efforts of such men as Wildey, and Ridgely, and Gettys, and Perkins and Welch, and others like them? They formed a moral bulwark over which the darkest waves of corruption might roll and leave them still in the bright sunlight of truth and right, unmoved and immovable forever. As the mariner tossed on the tempestuous waves of ocean's breast, keeps his fixed eye on the bright, immovable star above him, so did these noble men ever keep in view the sublimest principles of fraternity, benevolence and charity, and into this haven they guided the ship of their hopes.

There it was anchored, and there has it remained to grow in strength and beauty, day by day, until in every town and hamlet in this glorious country of ours, and in nearly every nation on earth do the sweet songs of Odd Fellowship greet us as the evening shades descend; while the blessings of millions of our fellow beings rest upon our work.

To-day as we look around and see the evidence of our prosperity, we rejoice, and we rejoice with cause. Odd Fellowship is established upon a foundation that cannot be shaken while time shall last.

It is universally recognized as the greatest human organization in the world for the alleviation of the suffering of humanity, for the diffusion of benevolence and charity, and for the general improvement of mankind. "Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan," is the first and great command to every man who enters the Order. The lessons of instruction that fall upon his ears are of divine origin, and surpass all others ever communicated to man, save only those found in the Holy Bible, a book which, indeed, forms the corner stone of Odd Fellowship, and from which all our lessons are drawn. No man can enter the Order and receive its instructions without finding himself better qualified to discharge the duties of life and engage in the active work of the world.

The glory of Odd Fellowship rests not upon its professions, but upon its deeds. More than one million seven hundred thousand men have been initiated into the Order and received its instructions; more than one million five hundred thousand brothers have been assisted in the hour of their need; members of the Order, their wives, widows and children have cause to bless the heart of Odd Fellowship.

More than $60,000,000 have been given in relief, and the last sad funeral rites have been spoken over the graves of more than one hundred and fifty thousand members, and to-day more than seven hundred thousand men and nearly one hundred thousand women are banded together, working with a common purpose in a common cause for the good of their fellow beings.

On every side and in nearly every State, homes, schools, and asylums are being created for the use of those dependent upon the Order. Yet this is but a part of the good that has been done. The silent influences that have been at work have entered man's heart and elevated his character, purified his life and ennobled his existence. The incentive that has caused this magnificent structure to arise is but the legitimate effect of the lessons we learn in the Order. Its support and maintenance is but the carrying out of the truth of Odd Fellowship Our Order is the outgrowth of the necessities of the human race; the result of human affections, of human love and charity. We love it because it is true and because of this truth we meet to-day to pledge to each other that, come what will, the great principles of Odd Fellowship shall guide us in our actions; and that this noble work of charity here commenced shall receive our unswerving support until the law of universal brotherhood shall bind all nations, tongues and kindreds together, and universal peace and love and charity shall dwell in every heart.

ADDRESS OF WILLIAM E. FORD, PAST GRAND MASTER.

At the conclusion of the dedicatory service, the Grand Master delivered the keys of the Home to William E. Ford, Past Grand Master, and President of the Board of Trustees, saying, "I now consign to your care and keeping this beautiful structure, knowing full well your unwavering interest in its usefulness and future success." On receiving the keys, President Ford responded as follows: —

Grand Master, Brethren, Daughters of Rebekah and Friends: This is indeed a welcome day for Odd Fellowship in this State; a day long anticipated, fondly hoped and earnestly prayed for.

The erection of a Home for the care of the aged brother, his wife or widow, and his orphan children, is the commencement of an important era in our history; and although the idea of the Home is not entirely new, having been first introduced in our State Grand Encampment as far back as 1847, and again in 1874, yet nothing was accomplished until 1887, when Rep. C. E. Townsend of Wellesley introduced in the Grand Lodge a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to consider the expediency of establishing a Home for aged or disabled Odd Fellows within this jurisdiction.

A committee was thereupon appointed consisting of Wm. E. Ford, C. E. Townsend, H. K. Braley, T. C. Porter, Eben Beckford and Frank Cousins, who at the next session submitted a report favoring the establishment of a Home for the support of aged Odd Fellows, their wives, widows and orphans.

This report was adopted, and five trustees, Francis Jewett, H. K. Braley, James T. Joslin, Wm. E. Ford and John J. Whipple were elected (and later on R. B. Gifford and Nathan Taylor were added) to collect funds and locate the Home.

Several desirable situations were examined, and it was finally decided to accept the generous offer of Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., of Worcester, who donated eleven acres of land, the present site of this building, and a cash gift of five hundred dollars, for the purchase of books for a library. I am happy to welcome our venerable friend here to-day to behold the completion of our labors, as also this vast assemblage who honor his noble generosity and untiring devotion to the benevolent purposes of our Order; and to all others who have so generously contributed to the completion of this beautiful edifice and the furnishing of the same, I can truly say you have our sincere thanks for what you have done in aid of the Odd Fellows' Home. Time will not permit an individual enumeration, but there is one whom I cannot omit to name, one who devoted his best thought and experience with his valuable time and labor to this grand service,

and whom we sadly miss to-day; but his life, and character and work will long remain a precious legacy to the Order he loved so well. The name of Rufus B. Gifford, P. G. P., will be treasured in our hearts as a monument of his good deeds while chairman of our building committee, for we are largely indebted to him for much of our success.

I am aware, worthy Grand Master, of the great responsibility which you have to-day delegated to the Trustees of this Home, and in its acceptance, I assure you they will endeavor to manage its affairs in such a manner as to do honor to our Order, and credit to our numerous friends, and to deal kindly and justly with all who may become its inmates. In all this service, we shall hope to merit the confidence and support of our brethren and sisters, as upon their sympathy and support will depend the success of our undertaking.

THE GRAND PARADE.

The following is a complete outline of the great procession in the order of its return from the Home, after the close of the dedicatory exercises:

THE ESCORT AND CHIEF MARSHAL.

Platoon of police, mounted; Patrolmen Barker, Blake, Millett, Crowell, Ward, and Legasey.

Third Regiment Division of the East, Patriarchs Militant, in command of Col. George H. Randel of Fitchburg.

Staff: Major S. E. Mirick of Worcester, Major John W. Hadley of Worcester, Major C. H. Doten of Fitchburg, Dr. W. H. Sears of Worcester, Capt. E. H. Stevens of Fitchburg, Capt. Charles A. Babbitt of Fitchburg, Adjutant, Capt. B. F. Eveleth of Fitchburg.

Grand Canton Worcester, No. 3, P. M., eighty chevaliers; Commandant, John A. Sears.

Component No. 1, in command of Capt. Sears, Lieut. E. W. Platt, and Lieut. George W. Dickinson.

Component, No. 2, in command of Capt. E. E. Francis, Lieut. H. D. Haunaut, and Ensign R. A. Fisher.

Component, No. 3, in command of Capt. J. C. Greene, Lieut. W. I. Allen, Ensign W. W. Sanderson.

Grand Canton Hebron, No. 4, P. M., of Fitchburg, forty chevaliers; Commandant, E. F. Page.

Grand Canton Meadow City, No. 29, of Northampton, fifteen chevaliers; Commandant, George H. Smith.

CHIEF MARSHAL OF THE PARADE,

Capt. JAMES K. CHURCHILL, of Worcester, and Staff; Chief of Staff, Jonathan R. Davis of Gardner; Orderly, Col. Charles K. Darling of Fitchburg.

Aids: Col. Frank E. Ladd of Springfield, E. B. Metcalf of Milford, Joseph M. Olney of Southbridge, H. N. Kingsbury of Westfield, S. P. Lawrence and John H. Scott of Fitchburg, F. E. Atkinson and Prentiss Howard of Webster, Joel G. Davis of Allston, Alden M. Bigelow of Grafton, C. B. Perry of Millbury, Warren B. Page of Clinton, C. E. Phelps of Sterling, John Green and William E. Bowen of Whitinsville, Dr. W. T. Souther, Daniel W. Darling, William H. Seaver, Dr. E. T. Trowbridge, William R. Dean, F. H. Pelton, F. M. Heath, Charles E. Slocomb, Jr., L. A. Hastings, A. M. Knight, H. O. Shepard, C. E. Benson, Samuel E. Lawrence, M. E. Lawrence, and George E. Kirby, all of Worcester.

CANTON DIVISION.

First regiment, Division of the East, Patriarchs Militant, Col. John E. Palmer, of Boston, in command.

Staff: Adjutant Sam'l. J. Hodges, Quartermaster F. H. Claflin, Commissary A. T. Weins, Commissary-Sergeant C. M. Page, Major Walter F. Mansfield, Major F. D. Lapham, Major of the second regiment P. M., Capt. F. D. Locke, Capt. A. E. Loomer, Capt. W. A. McDonald, Capt. J. A. Elliot, Lieut. J. F. Roessle, Capt. C. O. Tukey, Capt. G. F. Rodgers, Capt. W. J. Hardy, Major A. H. Lamson, Lieut. T. F. Wilson, Capt. C. G. Needham, Lieut. T. H. Freeman and Capt. E. W. Bettinson.

Major-Gen. E. Burritt Palmer, of Boston, and staff: Ass't Adjt.-Gen., Maj. J. L. Tattersall, of Lawrence; Maj. Elmer Millett, Lieut.-Col. D. S. Woodworth, Lieut.-Col. A. M. Coy, Lieut.-Col. Geo. A. King, Maj. A. W. Rose and Maj. P. H. Creasy, of Newburyport; Maj. Geo. E. Gray, Maj. C. G. G. Reynolds, Capt. Geo. Offrett and Lieut. W. B. F. McKissock, of Lowell.

Grand Cantons Shawmut, of Boston; Ridgely, of Chelsea; Bunker Hill, of Charlestown and Cambridge, of Cambridge, as a battalion of 220 chevaliers, in command of Major E. H. Emerson.

Component No. 1, Capt. O. W. Dickinson.

Component No. 2, Capt. C. F. Brackett.

Component No. 3, Maj. H. B. Gray.

Component No. 4, Capt. A. C. Andrews.

Grand Canton, Agawam, of Lawrence.

Forty-three chevaliers, in command of Capt. G. W. Towne.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Crescent Band of Waltham, twenty-three pieces; F. J. Smiley, Leader.

Escort to Chief Marshal consisting of Charlestown Battalion, with Glidden W. Joy, Marshal, and J. R. Allen and E. H. Carter, as Aids.

Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14, of Charlestown, forty brothers; Glidden W. Joy, Noble Grand.

Howard Lodge, No. 22, of Charlestown, forty brothers; Eben R. Scott, Noble Grand.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 78, of Charlestown, forty brothers; Geo. A. Pitcher, Noble Grand.

CHIEF MARSHAL,

Col. CHARLES H. PORTER, of Boston, and Staff; Chief of Staff, Geo. W. Young, of Boston; Aids: E. E. Burdon, of West Newton; J. R. Black, of Worcester; F. M. Dutch, of West Newton; J. O. Harding, of Boston; W. H. Whitney, of South Boston; C. H. Durell, of South Boston; Geo. C. Douglass, of Worcester; and Thos. A. Mitchell, of Boston.

Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, of Boston, thirty-five brothers; Benjamin F. Murch, Noble Grand; George E. Lovett, Marshal.

Oriental Lodge, No. 10, of Boston, one hundred brothers; P. B. Runyan, Noble Grand; J. I. Heywood, Marshal.

Bethel Lodge, No. 12, of Arlington, fifty brothers; Jacob Bitzer, Noble Grand; Jas. H. Richardson, Marshal.

Paul Revere Lodge, No. 184, Winter Hill, thirty brothers; L. B. Chander, Noble Grand; J. F. Maxwell, Marshal.

Caleb Rand Lodge, No. 197, of West Somerville, forty brothers; Joseph D. Young, Noble Grand; Charles F. Bertwell, Marshal.

Mt. Sinai Lodge, No. 169, of Cambridge, thirty-eight brothers; Chas. H. Cutler, Noble Grand; W. E. Bucknam, Marshal.

Essex Lodge, No. 26, of Salem, forty-five brothers; E. W. Dalton, Noble Grand; A. J. Wilson, Marshal.

Southbridge Lodge, No. 47, of Southbridge, fifty brothers; Frederick Morse, Noble Grand; M. L. Dillaler, Marshal.

Tiot Lodge, No. 50, of Norwood, seventy brothers; M. J. Nelson, Noble Grand; F. A. Fales, Marshal.

Uxbridge Lodge, No. 120, of Uxbridge, twenty brothers; William J. Benjamin, Noble Grand; W. E. Chipman, Marshal.

Mt. Wollaston Lodge, No. 80, of Quincy, fifteen brothers; H. O. Souther, Noble Grand; E. B. Brown, Marshal.

Marlboro' Lodge, No. 85, of Marlboro', thirty-five brothers; W. E. Searles, Noble Grand; G. J. Andrews, Marshal.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 89, of Clinton, forty-five brothers; A. S. Wright, Noble Grand; W. E. Taylor, Marshal.

Clinton Lodge, No. 199, of Clinton, forty-six brothers; C. B. Walker, Noble Grand; E. H. Jaquith, Marshal.

Daniel Hersey Lodge, No. 200, of Jamaica Plain, fifty-five brothers; M. G. Estabrook, Noble Grand; James Rodgers, Marshal.

Acton Lodge, No. 203, of Acton, thirty-five brothers; W. H. Lawrence, Noble Grand.

Massasoit Lodge, No. 69, of Brockton, sixty brothers; O. L. Dunton, Noble Grand; Z. W. Lewis, Marshal.

Electric Lodge, No. 204, of Brockton, one hundred and fifty brothers ; Walter B. Knight, Noble Grand; F. A. Hoyt, Marshal.

Ware Lodge, No. 209, of Ware, thirty brothers ; Mark Sherwin, Noble Grand; W. V. Howard, Marshal.

Nonotuck Lodge, No. 61, of Northampton, sixty brothers ; Geo. T. Stauter, Noble Grand; J. E. Lanbey, Marshal.

Newton Lodge, No. 92, of West Newton, thirty brothers ; E. A. Wood, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Waban Lodge, No. 156, of Newtonville, forty brothers ; James Lister, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 173, of Wellesley, twenty-five brothers; Sylvanus C. Evans, Noble Grand.

Quinobequin Lodge, No. 70, of Jamaica Plain, one hundred and twenty-five brothers ; C. E. Morse, Noble Grand; S. S. Madison, Marshal.

Hockomocko Lodge, No. 79, of Westboro, thirty brothers ; J. G. Taft, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Leominster Lodge, No. 86, of Leominster, one hundred brothers ; C. H. Arrington, Noble Grand; C. H. Tenney, Marshal.

Carriage containing Luke C. Richardson, Charles L. Joslyn, David C. Allen, and E. R. Knapp, veteran members of Leominster Lodge.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 105, of Holliston, thirty-five brothers ; C. M. Champney, Noble Grand; N. E. Bridges, Marshal.

Forest Lodge, No. 148, of Hyde Park, seventy-five brothers ; E. E. Monroe, Noble Grand; E. T. Tuckerman, Marshal.

Allon Lodge, No. 126, of Hyde Park, seventy-five brothers; George R. Keene, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Lynn Division, Chief Marshal, M. F. Huckins; Chief of Staff, A. W. Larkin; Aids: Chas. H. Goldthwaite, Wm F. Belcher, Henry Silsbee, Henry S. Trasher, Chas. H. Wilson, Geo. O. Tarbox, F. D. Mayo, Daniel F. Knowlton, Geo. W. Conway, Fred M. Blanchford, J. C. Wilson, and S. E. Welsh.

Bay State Lodge, No. 40, of Lynn, one hundred brothers, Chas. A. Damon, Noble Grand; Richard McBrien, Marshal.

West Lynn Lodge, No. 65, of West Lynn, fifty-five brothers ; Geo. H. Alton, Noble Grand; J. H. Anderson, Marshal.

Providence Lodge, No. 171, of Lynn, one hundred brothers ; Charles W. Phillips, Noble Grand ; W. R. Storer, Marshal.

Richard W. Drown Lodge, No. 106, of Lynn, thirty brothers; O. R. Dushuttle, Noble Grand; C. N. Wentworth, Marshal.

Glenmere Lodge, No. 139, of Lynn, twenty-five brothers ; N. H. Boynton, Noble Grand; L. S. Southworth, Marshal.

Swampscott Lodge, No. 140, of Swampscott, twenty-five brothers, Daniel F. Knowlton, Noble Grand; John I. Adams, Marshal.

Cliftondale Lodge, No. 193, of Cliftondale, thirty-six brothers; A. H. Hayden, Noble Grand; J. L. Rowell, Marshal.

East Lynn Lodge, No. 207, of East Lynn, seventy-five brothers; Charles E. Sprague, Noble Grand; E. D. Lovett, Marshal.

Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, of Milford, forty brothers; W. J. Burton, Noble Grand; P. E. McCullough, Marshal.

Cambridge Lodge, No. 13, of Cambridge, seventy-five brothers; H. E. Burton, Noble Grand; C. H. Jackson, Marshal.

Holyoke Lodge, No. 134, of Holyoke, fifty brothers; C. L. Barker, Noble Grand; William Marshall, Marshal.

Hermann Lodge, No. 133, of Boston, seventy-five brothers; Paul Goerlich, Noble Grand; Henry Mais, Marshal.

Centennial Lodge, No. 178, of West Boylston, forty brothers; W. H. Vickery, Noble Grand and Marshal.

De Soto Lodge, No. 155, of Springfield, one hundred brothers; W. C. Colton, Noble Grand; F. S. Leonard, Marshal.

Monson Lodge, No. 210, of Monson, twenty-five brothers; John Cross, Noble Grand; A. A. Babbitt, Marshal.

Chicopee Lodge, No. 115, of Chicopee Falls, twenty-five brothers; Warren H. Hamilton, Noble Grand; James H. Loomis, Marshal.

Nonantum Lodge, No. 116, of Allston, fifty brothers; Geo. C. Mentzer, Noble Grand; Wm. H. Hall, Marshal.

Maanexit Lodge, No. 117, of Webster, sixty brothers; Joseph Crawford, Noble Grand; F. C. Crawford, Marshal.

Whitinsville Lodge, No. 124, of Whitinsville, seventy brothers; R. H. Johnston, Noble Grand; L. H. Davis, Marshal.

Mt. Roulstone Lodge, No. 98, of Fitchburg, one hundred brothers; H. H. Kendall, Noble Grand; C. W. Cowdry, Marshal.

Apollo Lodge, No. 205, of Fitchburg, forty brothers; Chas. S. Chapin, Noble Grand; Henry Cowdry, Marshal.

North Star Lodge, No. 144, of Townsend, twenty-five brothers; G. A. Wilder, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 102, of North Grafton; James H. Johnson, Noble Grand; Addington Smith, Marshal.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 130, of Millbury, thirty brothers; Fred. D. Goss, Noble Grand; J. Alden Coffin, Marshal.

Good Will Lodge, No. 181, of Spencer, sixty brothers; Fred M. Brown, Noble Grand, George B. Clark, Marshal.

Malden Lodge, No. 201, of Malden, fifty brothers; C. F. Pinney, Noble Grand; Wm. T. Hill, Marshal.

Manomonack Lodge, No. 121, of Winchendon, seventy brothers; James A. Patterson, Noble Grand; W. W. Holman, Marshal.

William Ellison Lodge, No. 185, of Gardner, seventy-five brothers; E. J. Sawyer, Noble Grand ; George Kendall, Marshal.

Naukeag Lodge, No. 196, of Ashburnham, twenty-five brothers; A. E. Willard, Noble Grand and Marshal.

Arcturus Lodge, No. 187, of Warren, sixty brothers ; E. L. Foskit, Noble Grand; F. E. Wilcox, Marshal.

Tully Lodge, No. 136, of Athol, fifty brothers ; George H. Cragin, Noble Grand; H. L. Hapgood, Marshal.

TRUSTEES AND GUESTS.

Marshal of Carriages, Daniel A. Harrington, of Worcester.

First carriage, Lieut.-Gov. Haile, Wm. E. Ford, President Trustees; Francis Jewett and Nathan Taylor, Trustees.

Second carriage, Mayor Francis A. Harrington, of Worcester; Judge Wm. E. Parmenter, of Cambridge; and James T. Joslin and John J. Whipple, Trustees.

Third carriage, Henry Denver, Trustee, and Aldermen C. H. Pinkerton, W. A. Lyttle, and A. Frank Gates.

Fourth carriage, E. L. Parker, of Worcester; Aldermen Francis Plunkett, Warren C. Jewett and Geo. W. Coombs, of Worcester.

Fifth carriage, Francis W. Grout, Hon. T. C. Bates, Hon. C. B. Pratt and J. G. Smith, of Worcester.

Sixth carriage, Hon. Samuel Winslow, A. M. Taft and Geo. J. Merritt, of Worcester.

Seventh carriage, Otto Kramer, of Boston, W. B. Nourse, of Worcester, E. A. Besson, of Lynn, and G. W. Clark.

Eighth carriage, James D. Morton, A. A. Barker, of Worcester, Rufus B. Gifford and J. H. Gifford, of Salem.

Ninth carriage, Highway Commissioners, L. B. Stone, F. W. Duncan, E. K. Wheelock, and E. G. Mears.

ENCAMPMENT DIVISION.

Chief Marshal, E. A. Wood ; Chief of Staff, Maynard P. Roach ; Aids: Geo. F. Green, of Waltham; Joseph F. Bartlett, of Clinton; H. B. Belcher, Herbert Wesby, A. M. Thompson, J. H. Hartwell, Charles W. Streeter, R. E. Baker and C. P. Driscoll.

Worcester Battalion of Encampments, one hundred and twenty patriarchs, W. E. Bancroft, Marshal; F. B. Fay and John J. Upham, Aids.

Worcester Encampment, sixty patriarchs.

Mt. Vernon Encampment, sixty patriarchs.

Waltham, Natick, and Garden City Encampments, eighteen patriarchs; J. E. Johonnot of Waltham, Marshal.

Lawrence Encampment, fifty patriarchs; John Ball of Lawrence, Marshal.

Quinshepaug Encampment of Milford, thirty patriarchs; J. R. Bennett, Marshal.

Gardner Encampment, fifty patriarchs; F. L. Parker, Marshal.

GRAND OFFICERS IN CARRIAGES.

First carriage, F. E. Merriman, Grand Representative, and Chas. N. Alexander, P. G. Rep., of Boston; William S. Phelps, P. G. Patriarch, of So. Framingham, and Chas. B. Dunkerton, G. Rep., of Worcester.

Second carriage, N. A. Very, G. Treasurer, of Salem, John P. Loring, P. G. Patriarch, of Boston, C. C. Fuller, A. G. Instructor, of Worcester, and Moses H. Sibley, D. G. Sentinel, of Salem.

Third carriage, A. B. Plimpton, P. G. Master, and N. S. Greenleaf, P. G. Patriarch, of Lowell; J. L. Martin, A. G. Scribe, of Boston.

Fourth carriage, G. H. Stickney, of Salem, and W. H. Pearson, of Boston, P. G. Patriarchs; W. J. Rowell, G. J. W., of Lynn; James P. Litch, G. Sentinel, of Malden.

Fifth carriage, C. A. Mayo, G. Patriarch, of Malden, Oscar A. Marden, G. H. P., of Stoughton, and Wm. S. French, G. S. W., of West Newton.

WORCESTER BATTALION OF LODGES.

C. E. Olney, Marshal; M. N. Wicker, Aid.

Quinsigamond Lodge, one hundred and six brothers; W. M. Adams, Marshal.

Worcester Lodge, fifty-six brothers; J. H. Richardson, Marshal.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE IN CARRIAGES.

First carriage, William Marble, P. G. M., of Cambridge, Enos H. Tucker, P. G. M., of Needham; Julius L. Clarke, P. G. M. and Grand Treasurer, of West Newton, and Chas. D. Cole, Grand Secretary, of Cambridge.

Second carriage, Henry Clark, P. G. M., of Winchendon, Rev. Samuel Hotchkiss, of Cambridge, Zachariah Cushman, G. H., of Boston, and Joseph York, G. I., of Wollaston.

Third carriage, E. Dana Bancroft, P. G. M., of Ayer, and Geo. B. Hamlin, P. G. M., of Somerville.

Fourth carriage, A. S. Esty, Grand Marshal, of Somerville, Rev. Wm. F. Dusseault, Grand Chaplain, of Malden, A. S. Pinkerton, Grand Rep. and P. G. M., of Worcester, and R. W. Taber, P. G. M., of New Bedford.

Fifth carriage, J. B. Crawford, Grand Master, of Boston, James M. Price, D. G. M., of Cambridge, and Louis A. Cook, G. W., of South Weymouth. This carriage was escorted by the Noble Grands of the Worcester lodges.

Central Lodge of Worcester, 100 brothers; C. H. Duncan, Marshal.

Ridgely Lodge of Worcester, 80 brothers; L. H. William, Marshal.

Anchoria Lodge of Worcester, 40 brothers; W. H. Cooper, Marshal.

Carriages containing aged members of the Worcester Lodges and Encampments closed the procession.

THE REVIEW.

When the line reached the City Hall, after its march from the Home, it was reviewed by the Grand Officers, Mayor Harrington, City Marshal Ansel Washburn, Aldermen Warren C. Jewett, E. L. Barker, A. Frank Gates, Francis Plunkett, Francis W. Grout, Geo. W. Coombs, Wm. A. Lytle, Charles H. Pinkham, Trustees of the Home William E. Ford, Maj. Nathan Taylor, Henry Denver, James T. Joslin, John J. Whipple, President of the Worcester Common Council Eben F. Thompson, Councilmen Irving E. Comins, Edward J. McMahon, George M. Rice, 2nd, George S. Dixon, Homer R. King, John F. Adams, Daniel F. Fitzgerald, John F. Riley, James P. Crosby, John J. Murphy, Michael L. Russell, John J. Flaherty, Clerk of the Council S. Hamilton Coe, City Almoner Freeman Brown, Clerk of the Board of Health James C. Coffey, City Treasurer Wm. S. Barton, Water Commissioner John G. Brady, Highway Commissioner L. B. Stone, Supt. of Public Buildings Chas. H. Peck, Assistant Charles Adams, Water Registrar George E. Batchelder, Assessors Harrison G. Otis, Amos M. Parker and Thos. Talbot.

Immediately after passing in review, the several organizations went to their headquarters, and the parade was finished. Thus ended this great and memorable demonstration of American Odd Fellowship.